

Peter D. Lopez

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Education

M.P.A., State University of New York at Albany, Rockefeller Institute of Public Policy. G.P.A. 3.75.

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, State University of New York at Albany, Major: Public Affairs Minor: Environmental Studies G.P.A. 3.57.

A.A.S., Cum Laude, State University of New York at Cobleskill, Major: Liberal Arts/Science. G.P.A. 3.15.

Maintained gainful employment during academic year to finance education in full.

Professional Employment

Member, NYS Assembly (January 2006 to Present)

- Elected to six consecutive terms in the New York State Assembly to represent a seven county region including the Mid-Hudson, Northern Catskills, Southern Tier and Capital District.
- Collaborate in developing and passing the state budget, and legislation to promote growth, opportunity and quality of life for New Yorkers. Serve in leadership roles in a broad array of caucuses, task forces and committees.
- Actively and creatively problem-solve in order to respond to constituent concerns. Promote grassroots engagement with public, not-for profit and private sector interests to improve agricultural, environmental, energy, economic development, educational opportunities and more in New York State.

Schoharie County Clerk (January 2004 to December 2006)

- Managed a combination of union and appointed staff to operate the motor vehicle department, records filing service and archival storage of agency records. Focused on use of computer technologies to promote cost-effective service while emphasizing superior customer relations.

Executive Assistant to NYS Senator John J. Bonacic (November 2002 to November 2003)

- Directed and assisted staff in carrying out a wide variety of tasks including bill development, budget negotiation and constituent services.

District Office Director to NYS Assembly Minority Leader, John J. Faso. (February 1999 to November 2002)

- Served in a supervisory capacity to support Minority Leader Faso in responding to the needs and priorities of the people of the 126th Assembly District. Duties were similar to those exercised as Executive Assistant to Senator Bonacic, emphasizing intensive hands-on support of special projects.

Associate Director, NYS Standing Committee on Agriculture, Senator John R. Kuhl, Jr., Chairman (January 1987 to February 1989)

- Developed legislative and budgetary initiatives which supported agriculture and agribusiness in New York State. Developed targeted initiatives, prepared written reports for publication, set program agendas for the Agricultural Committee, made public presentations, coordinated public hearings and meetings, and provided technical assistance on agricultural as well as broader rural development issues.

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Policy Research Director, NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, Senator Charles D. Cook, Chairman (April 1983 to January 1987):

- Served the Commission in a capacity similar to the Assistant Director position. Emphasis on coordinating program staff efforts to develop legislative initiatives such as the NYS Rural Public Transportation Coordination Assistance Program (RPTCAP).

Supervisor, Town of Schoharie, New York / Member, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors (January 1990 to December 1993)

- Provided direction for Town and County governmental functions. Responsible for budget preparation and management, staff performance / review, and responding to constituent concerns. Served as chair and/or member of the following: Schoharie Youth Recreation Commission; Central Bridge Water District Board; Schoharie County Health, Social Services, Flood Control, and Finance Committees; Barton Hill Aquifer Protection Committee; Schoharie County Board of Health; Committee on Runaway/Troubled Youth; Community Services Board (Mental Health/Substances Abuse); Tri-town Assessor's Committee.
- Promoted long-range planning initiatives, specifically in the areas of land-use, economic development, and recreation. Developed grant proposals for special projects and assisted in their administration.
- Assessed statewide local roads / mass transit programs and policies as a member of Transportation Advisory Committee for the New York State Association of Counties.
- Served as member of the New York State Association of Towns Legislative Committee. Assisted the Executive Secretary and Counsel in the review of Senate, Assembly and Executive Branch initiatives affecting town governments across New York State.

Councilman, Town of Schoharie, New York (January 1988 to December 1990)

Trustee, Village of Schoharie, New York (April 1984 to April 1988)

Achievements and Awards

- City & State Magazine and NYS GOP Rising Star
- 2009 NYS Conservative Party Legislator of the Year
- SCOPE 2015 NYS Legislator of the Year Award and David Williams Award for Preservation of Freedom
- Distinguished Alumni Awards from Schoharie CSD, SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Albany and State University of NY's Golden Anniversary Chancellor's Recognition Award
- Eagle Scout and National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout,
- NY State Masons' General Douglas MacArthur Award for Service to Youth,
- Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce's Leader of the Year Award
- Forty Under Forty Rising Latino Stars Award
- Centro Civico "Corazon" Achievement Award for public service,
- Times Journal Star of the Year Award for recovery from the devastation of Hurricanes Irene and Lee.